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## SENATE BILL No. 148

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 10-16-7-19.5.

**Synopsis:** National guard death benefit. Establishes a \$100,000 special death benefit for members of the national guard who die on active duty. Makes an annual appropriation for this purpose.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 11, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation & Veterans Affairs.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2007)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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## SENATE BILL No. 148

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning veterans and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 10-16-7-19.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 19.5. (a) For purposes of this**  
4 **section, "active duty" means full-time service in the national guard**  
5 **for a period that exceeds thirty (30) consecutive days in a calendar**  
6 **year.**  
7 **(b) If a member of the national guard who is a resident of**  
8 **Indiana dies while on active duty, a special death benefit of one**  
9 **hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) shall be paid in a lump sum**  
10 **from the state general fund to the following relative of the**  
11 **member:**  
12 **(1) The surviving spouse.**  
13 **(2) If there is no surviving spouse, the surviving children in**  
14 **equal shares.**  
15 **(3) If there is no surviving spouse and there are no surviving**  
16 **children, the parent or parents in equal shares.**  
17 **(c) The adjutant general shall adopt rules under the authority**



1 given to the adjutant general under IC 10-16-2-9 to make the  
2 payments under subsection (b).

3 (d) There is annually appropriated to the adjutant general from  
4 the state general fund an amount sufficient to make the payments  
5 under subsection (b).

6 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) As used in this  
7 SECTION, "national guard" has the meaning set forth in  
8 IC 10-16-1-13.

9 (b) IC 10-16-7-19.5, as added by this act, applies to members of  
10 the national guard who:

11 (1) are residents of Indiana; and

12 (2) die while on active duty on or after the effective date of  
13 this act.

14 SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

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